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1. As of 15 July 1955, export arrears at VEB Transformatorenwerk "Karl Liebknecht" (TRO), Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, amounted to 3.9 million DME. TRO 25X1  
production has broken down completely in the field of high-voltage switches. These switches are 220-KV switches for export to China and to the USSR.
2. Four hundred employees of TRO who live in West Berlin had been released as of July 1955. Preparations are being made to release about 1,000 employees of the factory from the administrative and production sections. The dismissal of these 1,000 TRO employees is to be completed by mid-September 1955. In the container construction plant, where containers and housings for transformers and high-voltage switching devices are manufactured, the number of personnel has been cut from 220 to 80.

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